

Department of Mental Health - Intensive Community Services (ICS)

Rehab Options - Frequently Asked Questions

Role of the Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts

Question	Answer
What is the role of the Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts (LPHA) in regard to the completion of the Youth or Young Adult's comprehensive assessment and treatment plan, the quarterly reviews and revisions?	Oversight of the comprehensive assessment and treatment plan development, quarterly reviews and revision processes must be conducted by a Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts (LPHA).
What practitioners are designated as an LPHA in Massachusetts?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physicians licensed pursuant to the requirements of M.G.L. c.112 §§ 2, 9, and 9B, which authorizes the person to engage in the practice of medicine (243 CMR 2.00).• Registered Nurses licensed pursuant to M.G.L. c.112 §§74-81C (244 CMR 3.00).• Psychologists licensed pursuant to M.G.L. c.112 §§118-129B (251 CMR 1.00-4.00).• Licensed Independent Clinical Social Workers, Licensed Certified Social Workers and Licensed Social Workers licensed pursuant to M.G.L. c.112 §§130-137 (258 CMR 12.00).• Registered Occupational Therapists licensed pursuant to M.G.L. c.112 §23G (259 CMR 3.00).• Licensed Rehabilitation Counselors licensed pursuant to M.G.L. c.112 § 165 (262 CMR 4.00).• Licensed Mental Health Counselors licensed pursuant to M.G.L. c.112 §165 (262 CMR 2.00).• Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists licensed pursuant to M.G.L. ch 112 §165 (262 CMR 3.00)• Licensed Applied Behavior Analysts licensed pursuant to M.G.L. ch 112 §165 (262 (CMR 10.00)• Other persons who become licensed in a mental health related discipline or profession in accordance with state law and regulations and subject to the approval of the Commissioner of DMH.
What does oversight of comprehensive assessment and treatment plan development, quarterly reviews and revision processes by LPHAs require?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The LPHA must oversee the development of the assessment and the updates and ensure that it includes a Clinical Formulation/Interpretive Summary.• The LPHA must be involved in the development of the treatment plan, quarterly reviews and revisions in order to ensure that the goals, objectives and interventions reflect the Clinical Formulation/Interpretive Summary and the assessed needs.• The comprehensive assessment and treatment plan and quarterly reviews and revisions must be signed by the LPHA.